

AMENDMENTS

In the Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A bone spreader for spreading bones apart, comprising a parallel guide system with a guide bar, two tubular pin holders which are connected to one another by the parallel guide system and are configured to receive two pins that are axially introduced into the pin holders and configured to be connected to the bone parts that are to be spread apart, and at least one pin holder having a locking device for a pin located therein thereon,

wherein the pins have at least one transverse groove formed therein, the locking device comprises a locking finger which is guided between a locking position and a release position in a transverse movement tangentially with respect to the pin holder, the locking ~~figure~~ finger is configured to engage in the groove in the locking position, and the tubular pin holders are arranged in planes which are perpendicular to the guide bar.

2. (Previously Presented) The bone spreader as claimed in claim 1, wherein the locking finger is in the form of a hook which is mounted at an open end of the pin holder closer to the parallel guide system and is pivotable about an axis extending approximately parallel to said pin holder.